

Madam Speaker, I would like to commend the U.S. delegation that participated in the 47th annual Inter-American Development Bank meetings that were held earlier this month and for their hard work. In particular, I would like to commend the bank's leaders and staff for taking the helm of anti-corruption initiatives and for promoting ethical practices within the bank.

In addition, I would like to recognize the new Inter-American Development president, Luis Alberto Moreno, for his leadership in promoting public-private partnerships, especially those that involve small businesses.

I would also like to thank him for facilitating discussions about Latin American debt relief and development at this year's annual meeting. MIF is a proven winner in meeting important job creation and economic goals throughout the region.

By tapping the talents, strengths, and resources of private sector groups and organization, we can continue to help others help themselves. This is a great program that leverages small dollars into big results for many people throughout Latin America.

Madam Speaker, I am again pleased to lend my support to the chairman for her legislation, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this important legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time. It has been a pleasure working with the gentlewoman from New York.

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4916, a bill to authorize U.S. participation in the Enterprise for the Americas Multilateral Investment Fund (the Fund/MIF). The bill provides \$150 million for the Fund. While this may appear to be a small amount compared to some of our other commitments to multilateral institutions, the reauthorization of the Fund represents an important step in our continuing efforts to underwrite economic development activities outside of our own borders.

In the broadest sense the Fund is designed to promote private sector development in Latin America and the Caribbean. There are two overarching themes related to the Fund. One is to reduce poverty and promote grass roots economic growth in this part of the world. By strengthening micro and small enterprise capacities, the Fund stimulates improvements in the business environment and engages the private sector in the development process. Two, by underwriting projects that promote innovation, the Fund pilots new concepts, determining their feasibility for the commercial market, as well as whether they can be adapted on a larger scale.

To date, more than 75 percent of Fund project activities have been undertaken in partnership with the private sector. More than \$1 billion has been approved for 800 projects. Through these projects MIF has become one of the best known organizations with private sector partners in Latin America and the Caribbean. As the largest provider of technical assistance in the Region, it is no doubt why this reauthorization has bipartisan support. Indeed,

the Fund provides a stellar example of how we can best use our resources to promote development, while reducing poverty and raising the standard of living of our neighbors. Madam Speaker, I urge support of the bill.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4916.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW OF HON. TRENT FRANKS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Julia Winding, Congressional Fellow of the Honorable TRENT FRANKS, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 18, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you, pursuant to rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

JULIA WINDING,  
Congressional Fellow.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENT OF HON. LOIS CAPPS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Ramesh P. Nagarajan, Legislative Correspondent of the Honorable LOIS CAPPS, Member of Congress:

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Sincerely,

RAMESH P. NAGARAJAN,  
Legislative Correspondent,  
Congresswoman Lois Capps.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW OF HON. BARBARA LEE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Michelle Christensen, Congressional Fellow of the Honorable BARBARA LEE, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 19, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

MICHELLE CHRISTENSEN,  
Congressional Fellow.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW OF HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Deborah Greene, Congressional Fellow of the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 24, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you, pursuant to rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

DEBORAH GREENE,  
Congressional Fellow.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PRICE of Georgia) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.